

The Commissioners

Chief Floyd Bartch (Retired), *Chairman*



Chief Floyd Bartch retired from the Kansas City, Missouri police department on April 2, 1999. After retirement, Chief Bartch served and continues to serve on various committees and boards concerning public issues in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. During his 31-year career with the police department, Chief Bartch was involved in the development of many programs. However, his experience in criminal justice and financial matters and as a lobbyist for the police department should assist him with gaming issues in the State of Missouri.

Judith (Judy) Sutter-Hinrichs



Judy Hinrichs is Vice-President Community Affairs for MERS/Goodwill Industries. Ms. Hinrichs has considerable experience as a community activist in civic, health, social service and cultural organizations. She serves as President of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation of East St. Louis, Illinois and as a national board member of the Business and Professional Women's Foundation. She has served as President of the St. Louis Zoo Friends Association and the Asthma and Allergy Association. She has been an executive board member of the Missouri Environmental Improvement Energy Resources Authority (EIERA), Missouri Goodwill Industries, Leadership St. Louis, Life Crisis and the St. Louis Junior League as well as board member of many other organizations. As a member of the RCGA Public Policy Council and the RCGA Illinois Public Policy Council, Ms. Hinrichs is committed to the improvement and growth of downtown St. Louis and the St. Louis region.

Judge Jack Gant



Judge Jack Gant was appointed to the bench as a Circuit Judge on December 17, 1976. He served as an active judge until February 27, 1998, when he went on senior judge status. He served as a member of the Missouri State Senate from 1966-1976. He served in the Marine Corps. Judge Gant served as past president of the Missouri State Trial Judge Association; presiding judge of the Jackson County Circuit Court; Chairman of the Missouri Division of Youth Services State Advisory Commission; president of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Alumni Association and Law School Alumni Association. Judge Gant has received the judicial recognition award from the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City; Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Lifetime Achievement Award and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association President's Award. He has also received several awards from the University of Missouri-Kansas City including Law Foundation Award and Law Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award.



A Tribute To
Dr. Muriel Battle
MGC Commissioner
March 15, 2000 - March 2, 2003

She was a trailblazer, an educator, a mentor, an activist, a wife and a mother of four - she was Dr. Muriel Battle, the other half of husband Eliot. In their son Eliot Jr.'s words, "They are really a union that cannot be separated."

Muriel and Eliot moved to Columbia in 1956. It was in Columbia where she had a lot of firsts in her life - first black teacher at West Junior High School, first black principal in Columbia and first woman to be selected as an associate superintendent for the Columbia Public Schools.

Retired superintendent Russell Thompson, who hired Muriel to be his associate superintendent, saw in her more than an educator. "She was a superb role model not only for children but for the whole community," he said. "I thought of her as a very classy lady."

Muriel was a compassionate woman, taking time in her busy life to listen and to be there for others. Her daughter Donna said losing her mother was like losing her safety net. And daughter Muriel said her mother gave her own heart, soul and life to make the world a better place.

She received several awards during her career, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Award from Stephens College and, along with her husband, the 2000 Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award.

In the words of her daughter Carolyn, "The greatest legacy we can all give my mother is to ask what she (Muriel) would have done and just do it."

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